



Catholic Church

AUGUST 6, 2023

THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD

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WHO IS BEING TRANSFIGURED?

Michael Strande, Director of Liturgy

In this Sunday's Gospel we are told the story of when Jesus is transfigured, "his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white." This occurs on a mountain with three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John. While this happens, the two great figures of Hebrew Scripture appear with Jesus; Moses and Elijah. Peter is so moved by this event he wants to set up three tabernacles (or tents) for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Then a bright cloud appears and the voice from the cloud says, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

To understand what is happening here it is important that we know what the Jewish feast of Tabernacles is celebrating. This important feast celebrates that we journey with God and at the same time, it is a celebration of the journey's end when we reap the harvest of God's friendship.

The journey with God is presented with the appearance of Moses and Elijah. These two great figures represent how the Jewish people journeyed with God through the living of the law given by Moses and how God has spoken to the people through the many prophets that have lived among them. Elijah being one of the greatest of these prophets. The

journey with God, through the living of the law and the words of the prophets, is brought to a culmination of the fulfillment of the law and the words of the prophets through Jesus the Christ.

The voice from the cloud directs Jesus' disciples to listen to his words. The words of Jesus are what he teaches. Jesus teaches how we are to live a lifestyle rooted in compassion, integrity, and love.

In the story of the transfiguration we are given an insight how Matthew's community understood the importance of the Church and how it is the continuation of God's plan lead by the Christ. Jesus was seen as the embodiment of the Church. The Church is embodied in the Christ. As Jesus' appearance changed and became glorious we are told that because he is the embodiment of the Church the Church itself is also transfigured to express and shine forth the glory of God.

Through the transfiguration of Jesus we are shown how the Church is the outward expression of God's kingdom. The Church is embodied in Christ himself and thus is, as the Catechism explains, made manifest in Christ and radiates in splendor in the sacraments. In particular

in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

We are a people called to gather as part of the journey with God. When we gather together for the celebration of Eucharist we bring from that journey the challenges of life that we must face. We bring our hopes, and our accomplishments. We bring our failures and our disappointments. We bring our joys and our pains. We bring ourselves to the place where we can pitch a tent, a tabernacle, that is our lives.

When we gather to celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist we are invited into the cloud. We hear those words, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" We partake in his Body and we become who we are called to be. We are transformed. Together we become something more beautiful than what we were before we knew Jesus. We become The Body of Christ.

We are then transfigured to radiate the glory of the Risen Christ to others that will share our journey with God.



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY BOLD ITALICS

August 6, 2023, Transfiguration of the Lord: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, **Ps 97**, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9

August 13, 2023: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, **Ps 85**, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

PRAY SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON MCN CH 6

Pray our Sunday 10:00am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00am. Saint Olaf also live streams our Monday-Friday 12:00Noon Mass and our Sunday 10:00am Mass on YouTube: [youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live](https://www.youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live).

MISSION APPEAL AUGUST 12, 13, & 20

Each year in August, we welcome a Mission Appeal visitor, who shares their story and requests our prayers and assistance with their ministries. This year our Mission Appeal is for the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers under the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Holy Ghost Fathers shared their mission message: *This region [of Nigeria] is mostly dominated by the Muslim community. It is a region highly barraged with poverty, out-of-school children, and low standard of living. It is also infested by insurgency, extremist ideologies, and banditry. Provision of education and schools for the poor and the less privileged is a highpoint for our mission. The Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers are educators and so we mostly drive the gospel of Christ through education and catechesis in our schools. This mission appeal provides us the opportunity to expand our tentacles to seek for help and support and avail our Catholic brethren the opportunity to share in our challenging mission. To get the ball rolling we have acquired a piece of land in Nassarawa State, where we have a plan to build a secondary school with a capacity of one thousand students, both male and female. This is a mega project that will gulp millions of naira (hundreds of thousands of dollars). I want to sincerely thank you for taking your time to hear our story. As you reach to the poor people of God in these less privileged places, it is our prayer that God will bless you in his riches and glory. Thank you once again and may the Lord bless you abundantly amen.*

On the weekend of August 12 & 13 Fr. Lorenzo Senaccioli will be at the Saturday 4:00pm Mass and Sunday Masses at 6:00am and 8:00am. On August 20, the Mission Appeal will be at the Sunday Masses at 10:00am, 12:00Noon, and 4:00pm.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - AUGUST 15

Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass Tues, Aug 14, 2023 at 5:15pm. Wed, Aug 15, 2023, Masses at 7:00am, 10:00am, 12:00Noon, & 5:15pm.

SAVE THE DATE: OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC

Thursday, October 5th from 6:00-9:00pm. This year's entertainment will be hosted by song leaders and an accompanist from the Twin Cities Beer Choir whose mission is to bring people together in community-building events. You can sing-along or simply listen with fellow parishioners and friends while enjoying Oktoberfest food and beverages. Funds raised will support the Saint Olaf Reserve Fund and update technology and video equipment needs. More details will be provided in the weeks ahead.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - AGE 14 AND OVER

The Archdiocese is offering classes on Saturdays August 5th and August 19 at Saint Richard's Church in Richfield for guardians and candidates. For those who complete the classes, the sacrament of Confirmation will be available at the Mass for Persons with Disabilities on September 17th, 2023. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Eric Gunderson or Sonya Flomo at 651-291-4488, Outreach to Persons with Disabilities.

WELCOME!

- Building closes at 5:30pm Monday - Friday.
 - Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday
 - Chapel is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm
- + LIVE STREAMED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

10:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER - FORLITI GATHERING RM
 12:00 PM MASS
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
 12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL
 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

6:00 AM MASS
 8:00 AM MASS
 10:00 AM MASS+
 12:00 PM MASS
 4:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 12:00 PM MASS+
 12:00 PM AA MEETING - EDU RM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 12:00 PM MASS+
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
 7:00 AM AA MEETING - EDU RM
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 11:30 AM NICOTINE ANONYMOUS MEETING - EDU RM
 12:00 PM MASS+
 6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FORLITI GATHERING RM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 12:00 PM MASS+
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
 7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 10:00 AM KNITTING GROUP FORLITI GATHERING RM
 11:00 AM ADORATION
 12:00 PM MASS+

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

12:00 PM MASS
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
 12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL
 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS - MISSION APPEAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

6:00 AM MASS - MISSION APPEAL
 8:00 AM MASS - MISSION APPEAL
 10:00 AM MASS+
 12:00 PM MASS
 4:00 PM MASS

REGINA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

All students who graduated or would have graduated in 1973 from Regina School, south Minneapolis, are invited to a 50th Reunion. It will be held on August 19th. Please contact Margo O'Dell for more information: modell@me.com.

SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

Samaritan Ministry needs tennis shoes to serve to our guests. We ask that items be new, or clean and in good repair. You may drop them off at the front desk. Thank you!

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #4

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
July 17 - 23	\$31,091	\$27,778	\$3,313
YTD through Week #4	\$89,736	\$73,110	\$16,626

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf